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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ZAIRIAN PETROLEUM SUPPLY

REF: KINSHASA 0694

FEBRUARY 16 MOBIL REP GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS TO  
CURRENT STATUS OF PETROLEUM SUPPLY SITUATION:

(A) A TANKER OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE  
PETROLEUM TERMINAL NEAR MATADI TODAY, FEBRUARY 16 AND SUPPLY OF  
THESE PRODUCTS WITHIN THE KINSHASA AREA SHOULD BE NORMAL WITHIN  
THE NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS.

(B) SECOND TANKER OF PRODUCTS WHICH WILL INCLUDE JET FUEL IS  
TO ARRIVE IN APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS AND A THIRD TANKER OF  
PRODUCTS IN EARLY MARCH. CONSIDERATION IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY AS  
TO WHETHER FUNDS AVAILABLE IN EARLY MARCH SHOULD BE USED TO  
ORDER A TANKER OF CRUDE OR ANOTHER OF PRODUCTS. IF DECISION  
IS MADE TO PURCHASE LIGHT CRUDE, THEN IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO  
BLEND IT WITH APPROXIMATELY HALF OF NIGERIAN MEDIUM CRUDE  
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PRESENTLY IN STORAGE TANKS OF REFINERY WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED  
FOR SOME MONTHS DUE TO INABILITY TO UTILIZE MEDIUM NIGERIAN CRUDE.  
DECISION BETWEEN PURCHASE OF LIGHT CRUDE AND PRODUCTS WILL  
DEPEND UPON TIMING OF AVAILABILITY OF THE LIGHT CRUDE.

(C) THERE IS PRESENTLY AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF JET FUEL  
IN KINSHASA WHICH WILL NOT BE ALLEVIATED UNTIL JET FUEL ABOARD  
SECOND TANKER MENTIONED PARA B ARRIVES IN KINSHASA IN

APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS. RATIONING HAS BEEN IMPOSED UPON FOREIGN AIRLINES OF 60 PERCENT OF AVERAGE OFF TAKE. MOBIL REP STATED THAT FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 10-14 DAYS UNTIL ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES ARE RECEIVED UNLESS KEROSENE ALLOCATION FOR KINSHASA AREA IS DRASTICALLY REDUCED AND/OR INTERNAL FLIGHTS OF AIR ZAIRE ARE CUT BACK. MOBIL REP REGARDED BOTH OF THESE POSSIBILITIES AS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. COMMENT: POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WILL COINCIDE WITH ECA CONFERENCE SCHEDULED KINSHASA FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 3. WE SHALL MONITOR. CUTLER

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